

ONE BY ONE THEY GO.

Pittsburg and New York Clubs Make Up Their Minds to Leave the Players' League.

BROOKLYN MAY FOLLOW SUIT.

Colonel E. A. McAlpin Resigns His Position as President of the New Organization.

DETAILS OF YESTERDAY'S MEETING.

Exciting Football Game at Washington—General Sporting News of the Day.

The annual meeting of the Players' League was commenced yesterday in the Monongahela House and will be continued to-day. There is a definite break in the ranks of the League, and as a result nothing definite was done yesterday. Some very important facts were stated, tact to the effect that the League can have a chance to buy the franchises of the New York and Pittsburgh clubs, and probably that of Brooklyn. If the franchises are not bought, then it is very probable that the clubs named will withdraw from the League-to-day. It was this feature that caused the proceedings to be extremely grave and to be prolonged.

STARTED THE PROCEEDINGS.

The meeting commenced at 10 o'clock A. M., with the following representatives present: Boston, Hart and Irwin; Chicago, Addison; Brooklyn, Worth and Ward; Pittsburg, Bea and Hanlon; Cleveland, Johnson, Philadelphia, Valentine, Weller, and McAlpin; New York, and Evans; Buffalo, White and Gilbert.

Secretary Brunell read his annual report and presented the official averages. These were adopted as highly satisfactory.

John M. Ward, the Brooklyn club, was awarded the championship. A discussion on consolidation ensued and nothing definite resulted.

The evening meeting was of importance because definite action regarding the New York and Pittsburg clubs was taken. The representatives of the former had instructions to withdraw the club from the P. L. in an honorable manner. A resolution to this effect was made: "New York club has made terms satisfactory to itself with the New York N. L. club, and we are bound to tender our resignations." But before doing so, we give you an opportunity to sell us to anybody else at a price lower than we'll sell to anybody else, and if you do, we'll withdraw entirely with draw from the Players' League."

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The Pittsburg club was in a similar condition, and as far as consolidation was concerned that is just how matters stood last evening when an adjournment was had. A gentleman who was at the meeting said: "The New York delegates are certainly instructed to withdraw their club from the P. L. if their demands are not met. This stands as a definite point, and it seems certain that they will withdraw to-day. Pittsburg will follow suit, because it is not likely that anybody will buy any base ball club in this country. I am inclined to say that Brooklyn is in the same boat as the New York and Pittsburg, as the latter state the same. The Pittsburg, however, intend to withdraw to-morrow. In fact, Colonel McAlpin offered to place the resolution of his club before the New York delegates, and the further discussion of the matter was deferred until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock."

The meeting transacted some routine business. Colonel McAlpin resigned as President of the League, stating that pressure of business prevented his devoting sufficient time to the duties of the office. There was no vote of confidence made: "New York club has made terms satisfactory to itself with the New York N. L. club, and we are bound to tender our resignations." But before doing so, we give you an opportunity to sell us to anybody else at a price lower than we'll sell to anybody else, and if you do, we'll withdraw entirely with draw from the Players' League."

Nashville Wins.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., November 11.—Rain last night and this morning made the track at West Side very soft and sticky, making fast time impossible. Not a favorite won, and the bookies are consequently rejoicing. The attendance was good.

First race, five furlongs—Orel won, Linthompson second, Frank Clegg third, Penn fourth, Second race, four furlongs—Polemus won, Attie second, Gray Cloud third. Time, 1:18½.

Third race, five furlongs—Wainright won, Terrier third, J. T. third. Time, 1:18.

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Fifth race, eleven-sixteenths of a mile—Robin won, Punnett second, Maggie B. third. Time, 1:12½.

another inch would have shattered it completely. Knowing better than anyone else of the condition of the track, he had gone so much worry and anxiety that his health had been somewhat impaired. On that account he had given up a trip to Europe, to be accompanied by his family.

To illustrate what the Players' League would have ceased to exist if for Colonel McAlpin's sake it had not been for the middle of the season, when serious trouble broke out in the Philadelphia Club. The players did not receive that sum, and the club had no money in the treasury, and the players refused to play. Colonel McAlpin was notified immediately. He went to Philadelphia, and it was not long before he got the players to agree to play that afternoon. He guaranteed on his own personal account that he would see they were paid. Knowing his word, he was able to hold them to the field. It was this little act that saved the Philadelphia club, although the Quakers did not seem to think of that now.—*New York Sun*.

SOME WARM WORK.

The Columbus Football Team Defeats the Dickinson College Boys.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

WASHINGTON, November 11.—An exciting game of football was played at Capitol Park to-day between teams representing the Columbia Athletic Club and the Dickinson College. The game was over in two quarters, and the ball was put in play by Columbia. Frank Butterworth, who was playing full back, made a splendid run, carrying the ball far into Dickinson's territory. A long and desperate struggle ensued in front of the goal. Dickinson forced the ball back toward the goal. Butterworth, who was carrying the ball, kicked the ball over the goal post. Turner fumbled the ball, and instantly Wells snatched it up, and after a great run, scored the first and only touch-down.

Butterworth kicked a goal amid great enthusiasm by Columbia, but the ball was not recovered, and both teams were thoroughly warmed up to their work. There were numerous lively plays, and the game was well contested, thus taking two of the best players out of the game. Columbias were aggressive, and fought hard to increase their score, and at the end of the game, the score was 10 to 0, with the ball after a kick by Dickinson and made the greatest run of the day. Darkness soon came on, and the game ended.

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CARRIERS REPLIED.

So the green goods ne'er bridle carriers to ignore every "X-D" order in their favor. Last Thursday 200 decoy letters were mailed at various offices in the city, all addressed to places where Inspector Jacobs resided. Seven of them, under pressure of examination, confessed that they had received money from green-goods men for delivering the forbidden letters. They were all on the "X-D" list.

A special order was given to the carriers to register every "X-D" letter on that day in the book which they carry to note changes of address. By that he could tell whether any carrier had received a claim in the mail to turn over to the postmaster before he gets an order to do so.

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OLD PAROLI, who is leading the yearlings at Rancocas in their gallops, recently got a bad fall, and is a youngster, which fractured the veterinarian's jaw.

TOMMY QUINN, the excellent local catcher, has been elected to the National League, and he is to remain here to year, and he wants to remain here.

COLONEL MCALPIN made a vigorous speech to the members when he tendered his resignation. He referred to many defects of the Players' League.

FOOTBALL teams firmly established in the temples and the Sunday afternoon kicks on the helmeted field are very lively. Nine clubs are in existence.

HILL KENNEY, the champion amateur feather-weight of America, is a member of the New Jersey Athletic Club. He has been a graduate of Princeton University, and is a member of the New Jersey Athletic Club, and the undertakers at Norwell concerning the condition of the body of his son, Dr. Sawyer was seen by a reporter of the *Advertiser*. Dr. Sawyer was buried in the same manner as all dead convicts are when there is nothing peculiar about their decease.

In her statement she averred that her son had incurred the displeasure of Dr. Sawyer; that he was a swindler, and that he had been compelled to give him his ill. A post-mortem examination was made at the hospital with undue haste, and without the presence of the Coroner, who declared that the boy was not dead, and that the death mother received his dissected remains, which were in a horrible condition. The coroner said that the boy was not dead, and that the remains, which were in a horrible condition. The coroner said that the boy was not dead, and that the remains, which were in a horrible condition. The coroner said that the boy was not dead, and that the remains, which were in a horrible condition.

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CRICKET will be seen on the Eastern tracks next year, and a few new clubs will be formed.

It may be that one of the duties of the Conference Committee is to consider the American Association on the question above referred to by the delegate. Another delegate, one from New York, expressed himself as follows:

"Matters look blue for the P. L., and I'm not surprised. The only man in the business I'm sorry to say is Mr. McAlpin. He has no money, and he has no chance of getting even. He is too good a fellow to lose, and I sincerely regret that he is likely to be thrown down."

During the meeting the resolution for membership of the Cincinnati club was presented, it was dated October 8. The club was elected a member of the League.

LOCAL CONSOLIDATION.

Some Interesting Facts About the Deal Between the New Clubs.

The fact that the local baseball clubs had signed articles of consolidation was publicly acknowledged yesterday by the stockholders interested. The deal was so completely consummated that Mr. Auten, one of the P. L. club stockholders, left for his home in Chicago early yesterday. The contract was signed and each party has people wanting everything their own way. The fact is that the rascally gentlemen who have been investing money in the new clubs, as well as the old ones, are very foolish to squander money away without any return. Besides, Pittsburg people don't want one club, and the past has proven that they do not want quarreling in their masters of entertainment.

J. P. O'Neill, of the local N. L. club, left for New York yesterday. He has been to the meeting of the National League in that city to-day. Before going he definitely stated that J. P. O'Neill will be given to the Cincinnati N. L. club. Another delegate, one from New York, said, "Certainly, Mr. Brush will get the Cincinnati club." The club will certainly have as good a show in Cincinnati as a club run by alien capital.

SOME KINDLY WORDS.

A Few Facts Showing How Colonel McAlpin Was the Players' Friend.

The biggest boom that will be thrown at the meeting will be the resignation of Colonel McAlpin, as hinted at in yesterday's Sun. He has been the mainstay of the Players' League during the past two years, and his departure will leave the League alive, and his resignation will leave the delegates all at sea. No man ever fought harder or spent more time for an organization, when there was so little reward than has Colonel McAlpin. His business interests have suffered greatly. When he took the office he little dreamed of the mass of trouble. As things stand, he is bound to be with us in the future, but a bed of roses. He has found, however, the duties imposed on him were onerous, but he stood by the beam when it was so near the rock of destruction that

MAIL MEN TRAPPED.

Gotham Letter Carriers Discovered Working in League With

BOLD GREEN GOODS SHARPES.

They Violated the Law by Delivering Fraudulent Matter.

THE GUILTY EMPLOYEES CONFESS

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NEW YORK, November 11.—Seven letter carriers attached to the postoffice in this city were recommended for discharge to-day because they were discovered to be in league with green-goods men. Eight other carriers were recommended for suspension for various periods because of violations of postal laws that implicated them in a similar offense.

This action is the result of a campaign against green-goods men begun last August by Chief Inspector E. G. Rathbone. He became convinced that there must be crookedness in the department somewhere, and Inspector Jacobs, of Washington, was assigned to find where it was.

The work went on intermittently until last Thursday, when a trap was sprung that caught 15 carriers. This is the paragraph from the United States postal laws under which Inspector Jacobs worked:

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